

# ***SKATING*** **IN CORVALLIS**

Information for  
Skateboards, In-Line Skates,  
Roller Skates, Skis, Scooters, and Coasters  
in  
The City of Corvallis

## Corvallis Ordinances

The City of Corvallis has adopted several ordinances pertaining to skating in our city. The principal one is [Municipal Ordinance # 6.10.060.030](#).

## Definitions

**Skates** refers to roller skates, in-line roller skates, roller blades, skateboards, scooters, coasters, roller skis, or any similar device that is used as a means of transportation.

**Skate operation** is the act of propelling skates by means other than carrying them.

## Areas Allowed

**Public streets** – unless otherwise prohibited.

**Private property** – where the owner or person in charge has consented.

**Sidewalks** – unless otherwise prohibited.

## Prohibited Areas

**Streets and sidewalks** in the Downtown Area within the following boundaries:

- ◆ North side of NW Jackson between NW 6th St. and the Willamette River.
- ◆ West side of 6th St. between Monroe Ave. and Jackson Ave.
- ◆ North side of Monroe Ave. between 6th St. and 8th St.
- ◆ West side of 8th St. between Monroe Ave. and SW Madison Ave.
- ◆ South side of SW Madison Ave. between 8th St. and 5th St.
- ◆ West side of 5th St. between SW Madison Ave. and SW Jefferson Ave.
- ◆ South side of SW Jefferson Ave. between 5th St. and Willamette River (excluding the Riverfront Bike Path).

**Exception** - The only exception to the listed prohibited areas is that in-line skates or roller skates may be operated on the sidewalks within this boundary so long as they are not operated in a careless manner and at no faster than an ordinary walking speed. This also includes the sidewalks adjacent to Monroe Ave. between 14th St. and 26th St.

## Regulations

**Protective Headgear** is required on all persons under 16 years of age when operating skates.

**Traffic Regulations** Operators of skates on a street shall be subject to all laws and provisions of the State and City codes applicable to the operations of bicycles. They include (but are not limited to):

- ① **Proper Lighting Equipment** During darkness, white light to the front, and red reflector or light to the rear.
- ② **Traffic Control Devices** Traffic signals, signs and other official traffic control devices shall be obeyed at all times.
- ③ **Attaching** Attaching to moving vehicles is not permitted.
- ④ **Careless Operation** Operating skates in a manner endangering or likely to endanger any person or property is prohibited.
- ⑤ **Skaters must** give an **audible warning** before overtaking or passing a pedestrian.

**Skaters on sidewalks** shall not suddenly leave the curb or other place and move into the path of a vehicle that is close enough to create an immediate hazard.

**Ordinary walk speed** is required on all sidewalks when approaching a crosswalk, driveway, crossing a curb cut or pedestrian ramp, and when a vehicle is approaching one of these places.

**Reduced speed is not required:**

- ★ where the path does not approach or cross that of motor vehicles.
- ★ when motor vehicles are not present.

**Except** as otherwise specified, an operator of skates on a sidewalk or in a crosswalk has the same rights and duties as a pedestrian.

**Racing** is not permitted.

## Fines and Penalties

Any person violating any of the provisions of [Municipal Code 6.10.060.030](#) or those sections of Oregon Revised Statutes adopted by reference shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not to exceed \$150, community service, and/or impounding of the vehicle that is the subject of the violation.

## Traffic Safety Habits

Get in the habit of practicing these safety rules— they will protect you and others.

**Wear safety equipment** - pads, helmet, bright/reflective clothing.

**Skate defensively** - Motorists may not be used to seeing you in the roadway, so use extra caution while moving in the roadway.

**Signal** turns, lane changes and stops.

**Lights and Reflectors** At night or in other low light conditions, use a white light, to the front, that is capable of being seen 500 feet away by approaching traffic. Use a red light or reflector capable of being seen 600 feet from the rear. Wear reflective or bright colored clothing.

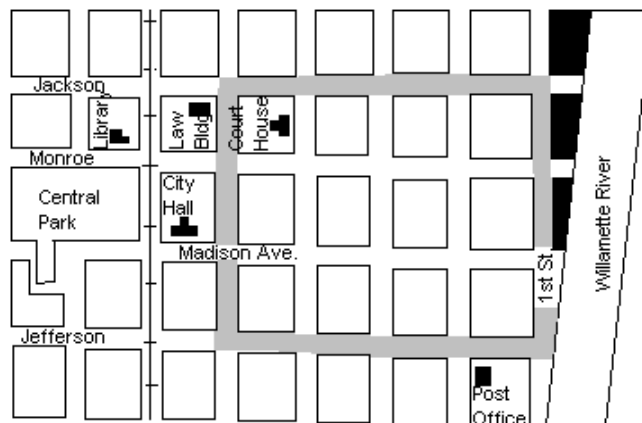
**Obey** all traffic control devices, signs, and markings.

**Consider** your own safety first when deciding to operate your skates on busy streets, hilly areas, or in bad weather.

**Take** your traffic safety responsibilities seriously.

While we want you to have fun skating in Corvallis, we expect you to be safe and responsible.

#### DOWNTOWN RESTRICTED SKATING AREA



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